

RPA Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, October 6

Present:: Tom Fortunato, Frank Tritto, Dave Robinson, Rick Kase, Bob Kingston, Ray Stone
Guest: John Lighthouse

- Board appointed Rich Spinelli as Recording Secretary
- Tom Fortunato was confirmed as chair of ROPEX 2011
- RPA meeting minutes to be posted on the web site
- Potential meeting location move- proposed new site cannot provide storage space; only possible meeting days available are Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday
- Item donations to RPA- 3 year hold on sales of any donations without charge confirmed. Items donated with an appraised value of under \$500 may be sold under certain conditions, but must be reported by the RPA to the IRS within 125 days and tax paid on money raised on IRS Form 8282. Only non-monetary gifts, rather than donations, will be accepted by the RPA without potential tax deductibility on the part of the donor.
- After an inventory of the club library takes place, items determined as unwanted for future club needs will be sold or auctioned.
- An application for life membership was received from a member enrolled from 1971-1986, and then joined again in 1993 to the present, or 34 years. He was never informed of Constitution proviso Section 2.3.3 nor given the option to pay dues for the 7 interim years to allow continuity to accrue life membership status. He has now been given that option under these special circumstances by majority Board vote. Other current RPA members having similar circumstances may petition the Board upon proof of membership during their tenure.

Section 2.3.3 An application for reinstatement of membership shall be considered provided that dues in arrears are paid and that the applicant is not subject to the provisions of Section 2.3.5. Should a member wish to rejoin, but maintain continuity in membership, the intervening year's dues may be paid at the current annual dues assessment. When reinstated, the original membership number will be restored and used for identification.

- The special lilac cancel for use at the main Post Office is in the process of being revised to allow enough room for the month, day and year plugs.
- Everyone A Dealer Night- It was recommended that members selling material be limited to ½ table per person, with no silent auction taking place that night.
- The club's HP office jet D-145 color printer, in use since 2002, has damaged printer heads and is unusable in its current state. Replacement heads are expected to cost around \$100. Due to its age, condition and potential incompatibility with newer computer operating systems, the Board decided to allow Joe to keep or discard the printer. A new printer will be purchased in the future if/when the need arises, probably in the \$100-\$150 range.
- A Constitution committee is being formed with John Lighthouse as chair to simplify the current document and make it relevant to practical club operations now and into the foreseeable future. This includes possibly reducing the number of club officers and assigning their responsibilities to appointees instead, and eliminating many of the constitution's mandates that either have not, or cannot, be carried out. An initial draft along these lines has been prepared by Tom, and is the starting point for the committee. The intent is to have a tentative draft to the membership to review by February and a final proposal put to a vote by the membership in May.